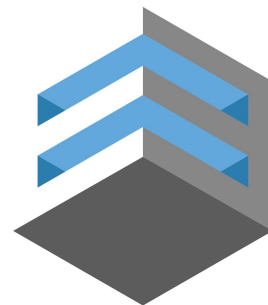


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Session 1: Word List

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

landslide

n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

synonym: avalanche, mudslide, rockfall

(1) **landslide** victory, (2) prevent a **landslide**

The massive **landslide** buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

adversity

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

synonym: hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

boulder

n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

synonym: rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

slum

- n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

- (1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

urbanization

- n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture

synonym: urban development, urban growth, urban expansion

- (1) **urbanization** process, (2) non- **urbanization** area

Rapid **urbanization** has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.

paradox

- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

- (1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

impede

- v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

synonym: hinder, obstruct, block

- (1) **impede** a close relationship, (2) **impede** development

The traffic jam **impeded** our progress to reach the destination on time.

disseminate

- v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

synonym: spread, circulate, propagate

- (1) **disseminate** propaganda, (2) **disseminate** knowledge

It is important to **disseminate** accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
synonym: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

spearhead

v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

synonym: lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

stairway

n. a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety

synonym: staircase, steps

(1) **stairway** railing, (2) narrow **stairway**

The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble **stairway** that curved gracefully upwards.

emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

synonym: impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

dweller

n. a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location

synonym: resident, occupant, inhabitant

(1) city **dweller**, (2) rural **dweller**

The mountain **dweller** lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.

unconventional

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

synonym: nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym: destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

romanticize

v. to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way

synonym: idealize, glorify, sentimentalize

(1) **romanticize** the past, (2) **romanticize** the idea of love

It is easy to **romanticize** a new job or opportunity, but it is important to remain objective and realistic about the challenges that come with it

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a

web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym : restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a hard and re_____nt steel | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 2. unc_____nal ideas | <i>adj.</i> not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards |
| 3. st_____ay railing | <i>n.</i> a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety |
| 4. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 5. de_____te a few hours | <i>v.</i> to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use |
| 6. co_____e themselves solely | <i>v.</i> to restrict the movement of someone or something |
| 7. er_____te the deficit | <i>v.</i> to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad |
| 8. el_____fy a manufacturing process | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 9. sc_____ty of capital | <i>n.</i> the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount |

ANSWERS: 1. resilient, 2. unconventional, 3. stairway, 4. opportune, 5. dedicate, 6. confine, 7. eradicate, 8. electrify, 9. scarcity

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| 10. im___e a close relationship | <i>v.</i> to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress |
| 11. dispel the mis_____ion | <i>n.</i> a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis |
| 12. non-urb_____ion area | <i>n.</i> the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture |
| 13. imp_____hed family | <i>adj.</i> reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted |
| 14. lava bo_____r | <i>n.</i> a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion |
| 15. em_____e his watercolors | <i>v.</i> to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else |
| 16. de_____te a chapter to the subject | <i>v.</i> to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use |
| 17. rural dw_____r | <i>n.</i> a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location |
| 18. im___e development | <i>v.</i> to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress |

ANSWERS: 10. impede, 11. misconception, 12. urbanization, 13. impoverished, 14. boulder, 15. emulate, 16. dedicate, 17. dweller, 18. impede

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| 19. s__m dwellers | <i>n.</i> a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect |
| 20. prevent a la____de | <i>n.</i> a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope |
| 21. dis____te propaganda | <i>v.</i> to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse |
| 22. sp____ad movement | <i>v.</i> to lead or initiate an effort or campaign |
| 23. dis____te knowledge | <i>v.</i> to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse |
| 24. political op____sm | <i>n.</i> a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation |
| 25. vi____ze flying through space | <i>v.</i> to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible |
| 26. el____fy the audience | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 27. environmental ad____ty | <i>n.</i> difficulties or hardships that someone faces |
| 28. the pa____x of the heap | <i>n.</i> a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange; |

ANSWERS: 19. slum, 20. landslide, 21. disseminate, 22. spearhead, 23. disseminate, 24. optimism, 25. visualize, 26. electrify, 27. adversity, 28. paradox

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| 29. narrow st____ay | <i>n.</i> a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety |
| 30. struggling with ad_____ty | <i>n.</i> difficulties or hardships that someone faces |
| 31. the Ca_____ic Church | <i>adj.</i> universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader |
| 32. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 33. urb_____ion process | <i>n.</i> the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture |
| 34. di_____t a well-ordered condition | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |
| 35. di_____t sleep | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |
| 36. re_____nt population | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 37. rom_____ze the past | <i>v.</i> to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way |

ANSWERS: 29. stairway, 30. adversity, 31. Catholic, 32. opportune, 33. urbanization, 34. disrupt, 35. disrupt, 36. resilient, 37. romanticize

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| 38. em_____e a successful business model | <i>v.</i> to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else |
| 39. ca_____ic in his tastes | <i>adj.</i> universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader |
| 40. commonly held mis_____ion | <i>n.</i> a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis |
| 41. rom_____ze the idea of love | <i>v.</i> to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way |
| 42. city dw_____r | <i>n.</i> a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location |
| 43. French pa_____x | <i>n.</i> a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange; |
| 44. la_____de victory | <i>n.</i> a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope |
| 45. unr_____le source of information | <i>adj.</i> not able to be trusted or depended on |
| 46. er_____te racial discrimination | <i>v.</i> to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad |

ANSWERS: 38. emulate, 39. Catholic, 40. misconception, 41. romanticize, 42. dweller, 43. paradox, 44. landslide, 45. unreliable, 46. eradicate

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| 47. bo____r field | <i>n.</i> a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion |
| 48. co____e the scope of use | <i>v.</i> to restrict the movement of someone or something |
| 49. s__m area | <i>n.</i> a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect |
| 50. sp____ad campaign | <i>v.</i> to lead or initiate an effort or campaign |
| 51. in an unc_____nal manner | <i>adj.</i> not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards |
| 52. killer a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 53. vi_____ze data | <i>v.</i> to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible |
| 54. prove unr_____le | <i>adj.</i> not able to be trusted or depended on |
| 55. sense of op_____sm | <i>n.</i> a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation |
| 56. in_____te the quality of his life | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |

ANSWERS: 47. boulder, 48. confine, 49. slum, 50. spearhead, 51. unconventional, 52. app, 53. visualize, 54. unreliable, 55. optimism, 56. innovate

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| 57. imp_____hed nation | <i>adj.</i> reduced to poverty or destitution;
lacking in resources, means, or vitality;
depleted or exhausted |
| 58. cannot log in to the a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software
designed to run on smartphones and
other mobile devices or inside a web
browser on a PC |
| 59. fuel sc_____ty | <i>n.</i> the state of being in short supply; a
small and inadequate amount |
| 60. in_____te a new method | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or
products |

ANSWERS: 57. impoverished, 58. app, 59. scarcity, 60. innovate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He _____ his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
2. By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously _____.
adj. not able to be trusted or depended on
3. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.
v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
4. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
5. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
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6. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
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v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
8. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of _____ and won the game.
n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

ANSWERS: 1. dedicated, 2. unreliable, 3. visualize, 4. eradicate, 5. slums, 6. app's, 7. disrupt, 8. adversity

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- adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
16. The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble _____ that curved gracefully upwards.
- n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety

ANSWERS: 9. electrify, 10. misconceptions, 11. paradox, 12. disseminate, 13. confined, 14. catholic, 15. unconventional, 16. stairway

17. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

18. Rapid _____ has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.

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19. The mountain _____ lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.

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20. The CEO decided to _____ the new project to ensure its success.

v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

21. The hikers had to climb over a _____ that was blocking their path.

n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

22. The traffic jam _____ our progress to reach the destination on time.

v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

23. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor _____.

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

24. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 17. opportune, 18. urbanization, 19. dweller, 20. spearhead, 21. boulder, 22. impeded, 23. scarcity, 24. innovate

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n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
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30. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 25. optimism, 26. emulate, 27. landslide, 28. romanticize, 29. impoverished, 30. resilient